(c) whether Government have accepted the recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) A Committee of Ministers of Food & Civil Supplies of three States, headed by the Tamil Nadu Minister for Food & Co-operation has been set up for formulating recommendations regarding the National Policy on Public Distribution System (PDS). The committee has been holding discussions with State Governments and representatives of Political Parties to seek their views on the proposed National Policy on PDS, The Committee has now been given time till 31st May, 1993 to submit its report.

Licence for New Sugar Mills

2082. SHRI ANANT RAM MIS-WAL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given licences for a number of new sugar mills as well as for expansion of existing sugar factories ;

(b) if so, the details in this regard :

(c) whether it is also a fact that some grantees are unable to implement their projects because financial institutions are hesitant to give loans to them treating their projects to be non-viable projects ; and

(d) if so, whether Government will issue instructions to the financial institiiv tions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) and (b) During the sugar year 1992-93 (October-September), no letter of intent for setting up of new sugar mills or for expansion of existing sugar factories have been granted so far.

(c) and (d) Arrangement of finances and implementation of the construction work of new sugar factories are prima-aily the responsibility of the entrepre leurs. Government naive, however, taken up with the financial instiutions :he matter regarding grant of finances to new sugar factories.

Shortage of Food in the Country

2083. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that agricultural experts have warned of food shortage in the country during the next five or ten years ;

(b) if so, the basis of their warning; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) to (c) The compound growth rate of foodgrains during 1980-81 to 1991-92 was observed to be 2.95 per cent per annum which is quite significant. Government will make all endeavour to maintain such a trend in the coming years and no shortage is, therefore, anticipated.

Storage capacity of C.W.C.

2084. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) what was the storage capacity of the Central Warehousing Corporation as on 31st October, 1992;

(b) what was the average capacity utilisation during the years 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(c) what was the net profit of the Corporation for the year 1991-92 as Compared to 1990-91 and the profit expected during the year 1992-93;

(d) what is the outlay proposed for the year 1993-94;

(e) whether it is a fact that no provi sion has been made for budgetary sup port to the Corporation during 1992-93 and 1993-94; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) The total storage capacity available with Central Warehousing Corporation as on 31-10-1992 was 66.28 lakh tonnes.

(b) The average capacity utilisation of Central Warehousing Corporation during the year 1991-92 and 1992-93 was 73 per cent and 67 per cent respectively.

(c) The net profit of the Corporation for the years 1990-91, 1991-92 and that expected during 1992-93 are as follows :—

Year	Net Profit (Rs. in crores)
1990-91	43.47
1991-92	42.09
1992-93 (Expected)	22.32

(d) During 1993-94, an outlay of Rs. 25.50 crores is proposed. This will cover the cost of construction of additional storage capacity and the contribution to be made by the Corporation to the equity capital of the State Warehousing Corporatons.

(e) and (f) No provision has been made by the Central Government for budgetary support to the Corporation during 1992-93 and 1993-94 since the Cbrporation is in a position to generate enough internal resources required to finance its various construction activtiies as well as for contribution in the equity of various State Warehousing Corporations.

Losses incurred by U.P State Sugar Export Corporation

2085. SHRI SOMPAL :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the sugar units of U. P. State Sugar Export Cor poration are incurring heavy losses;

(b) if so, how much losses have been incurred by U. P. State Sugar Corporation and U. P. State Cooperative Sugar factories during the last three years;

(c) what are the details of the amount paid by U. P. State Sugar Corporation to the Indian Sugar and General Industry Export and Import Corporation due to losses met by it on account of sugar export and the amount paid by U. P. Cooperative Federation during the last two years;

(d) whether it is also a fact that more incentive free scale is allowed in the early and late crushing season to cover the loss in the cost of production;

(e) whether some mid-crushing in centives have also been granted to sugar factories this year;

(f) if so, what is the rationale thereof and how much benefit will be passed to the farmers out of this incentive scheme: and

(g) if not, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KAl.P NATH RAI) : (a) Most of the sugar units of the U. P. State Sugar Corporation Ltd. are incurring losses.

(b) As per information received from U. P. State Sugar Corporation Ltd. and U.P. Co-operative Sugar Factories Federation Ltd., the losses incurred during the last three years by the sugar units